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MR. SPEAKER:

I move that House Bill 1578 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2 paragraph and insert:
- 3 "SECTION 1. IC 20-23-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 4 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 5 JULY 1, 2007]:
- 6 **Chapter 17. Academic Bill of Rights**
- 7 **Sec. 1. The governing body of each school corporation shall**
- 8 **develop academic guidelines for secondary schools based on the**
- 9 **principles set forth in section 2 of this chapter.**
- 10 **Sec. 2. The guidelines required by section 1 of this chapter must**
- 11 **be based on the following principles:**
- 12 **(1) Students should be graded solely on the basis of their**
- 13 **reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge of the subjects**
- 14 **and disciplines they study and not on the basis of their**
- 15 **political or religious beliefs.**
- 16 **(2) Curricula and reading lists in the humanities and social**
- 17 **sciences should respect the uncertainty and unsettled**
- 18 **character of all human knowledge in these areas and provide**
- 19 **students with dissenting sources and viewpoints. While**
- 20 **teachers are and should be free to pursue their own findings**
- 21 **and perspectives in presenting their views, they should**
- 22 **consider and make their students aware of other viewpoints.**
- 23 **Academic disciplines should welcome a diversity of**
- 24 **approaches to unsettled questions.**

1 **(3) Exposing students to the spectrum of significant scholarly**
2 **viewpoints on the subjects examined in their courses is a**
3 **major responsibility of teachers. Teachers shall not use their**
4 **courses or their positions for the purpose of political,**
5 **ideological, religious, or anti-religious indoctrination.**

6 **(4) The selection of speakers, allocation of funds for speakers'**
7 **programs, and other student activities must observe the**
8 **principles of academic freedom and promote intellectual**
9 **pluralism.**

10 **(5) An environment conducive to the civil exchange of ideas is**
11 **an essential component of a high school, and the obstruction**
12 **of invited school speakers, the destruction of school literature,**
13 **or any other effort to obstruct this exchange shall not be**
14 **tolerated.**

15 **(6) All teachers shall be hired, fired, and promoted on the**
16 **basis of their competence and appropriate knowledge in the**
17 **field of their expertise, and, in the humanities, the social**
18 **sciences, and the arts, with a view toward fostering a plurality**
19 **of methodologies and perspectives. A teacher shall not be**
20 **hired, fired, or denied promotion solely on the basis of the**
21 **teacher's political or religious beliefs."**

22 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1578 as printed January 31, 2007.)

Representative Noe